
Portfolio: Associate Local Government

On 28 July 2014, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (EGI), Cabinet:

1. noted that on 21 August 2013, EGI noted that a working party will be formed with membership from across government and local authorities to consider and recommend options for introducing online voting for local authority elections, with the aim of enabling a trial of online voting at the 2016 local authority elections [EGI Min (13) 19/3];

2. noted that the online voting working party (the working party) has provided its final report to the Department of Internal Affairs;

3. noted that the working party has recommended a trial of online voting in the 2016 local elections;

4. noted that the Department of Internal Affairs will engage with local government and central government stakeholders to discuss any required governance and funding arrangements in the event it is decided to proceed with an online voting trial in the 2016 local elections;

5. invited the Associate Minister of Local Government to report to EGI by 30 November 2014 with advice on whether or not to proceed with a trial of online voting in the 2016 local elections including, as appropriate, advice on any proposed legislative amendments, governance and funding arrangements;

6. noted that the Department of Internal Affairs will publish the working party’s report on its website in August 2014;

7. noted that the paper under CAB (14) 405 and related Cabinet decisions will be published online, subject to consideration of any deletions that would be justified if this information was requested under the Official Information Act 1982.

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Reference: CAB (14) 405, EGI (14) 162